exploitation in various employments, several laws have been enacted by the Government, such as the Plantation Labour Act, 1951, the Contract Labour (Regulation & Abolition) Act, 1970, the Inter-State Migrant Workers (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1979, the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961, the Building and Other Construction (Regulation of Employment and Conditions of Service) Act, 1996, etc.

Reservation to handicapped In Government Departments, Public Undertakings, etc.

4055. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rule of reservation of three per cent of posts for the handicapped in Government Departments, Public Undertakings and Private Sector Units is being implemented strictly;

(b) if so, the break-up of placements thereof, category-wise; and

(c) if not, the measures Government propose to take to ensure strict compliance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunities, Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act, 1995 provides for reservation of vacancies of posts of not less than three per cent for persons or class of persons with disability of which one percent each to be reserved for persons suffering from (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment; (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy, in the posts identified for each disability by every appropriate Government in every establishment. Provisions of the Act including this Section are in force since 7.2.1996.

As per information received from Department of Personnel and Training (DOPT), total number of persons in position in respect of Ministries/Departments is reported as follows:

1.1.1997		4341*
1.1.1998		7036*
1.1.1999	:	7263**

* Information as received by DOPT from 64 Ministries/ Departments.

**Information as received by DOPT from 49 Ministries/ Departments.

As per the information received from Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) in November, 2000, the number of persons in position in 1991 Central PSUs is 8840.

Programme of Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons in Karnataka

4056. SHRI K. C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has taken up the National Programme of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities in various districts of Karnataka;

(b) if so, which are the districts selected for the implementation of the above programme in Karnataka;

(c) the amount released by Government during 2000-2001 to Karnataka under the above project; and

(d) which are the new districts proposed to be covered in Karnataka during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWRMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GNDHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The National Programme of Rehabilitation of Persons with Disabilities (NPRPD) is a State Sector Scheme. As per the information provided by the State Government the districts